



**Shri Ankit Sehgal, (98886 25152)**

C/o Bombay Studio, Near Main

Post Office Chowk, Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Council, Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Urban Development, Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4064 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

**PRESENT:** Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.

Shri Jatinder Mahajan, Executive Officer – cum – PIO (98882 81308)

**ORDER (Second Hearing):**

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Respondent, Shri Jatinder Mahajan denied giving the sought information to the appellant as it relates to the period 01.04.2021 to 08.06.2022 which is vague and is under investigation by the vigilance department.
3. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the Commission observes that no appropriate response as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided by the Respondent as there is no provision anywhere in the Act to the effect that information can be refused to be disclosed on the grounds cited by the respondent authority in the court.

Accordingly, the Commission offers the respondent authority a last opportunity to furnish the information/reply requested by the appellant. Failing this, this Commission will be compelled to impose penalty of Rs. 25,000/- RTI Act 2005.

4. To come up on **24.06.2023** through **personal hearing** at PSIC Chandigarh, **11:30 am**.

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh**  
**28.02.2023**

**(Maninder Singh Patti)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab**